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### **FSSAI Notification on the Use of Yeast in Bakery Products**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) published notification to allow yeast as an approved ingredient in bakery products such as breads and cookies until the amendments to the vertical standards are finalized by FSSAI.

## **General Information:**

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On June 30, 2017, FSSAI published a notification relating to the use of yeast in bread and cookies. As per the notification, yeast shall be considered as an approved ingredient in breads and cookies until the amendments to the vertical standards are finalized by FSSAI.

Earlier on September 5, 2016, a Gazette notification relating to harmonization of food standards and additives was published. In this notification, the provision related to the use of yeast at the good manufacturing practice (GMP) level in breads and cookies was omitted as yeast is universally recognized as an ingredient and not a food additive. However, FSSAI is currently reviewing the amendments highlighted in its [September 5th notification](#). Until the time a decision is made, yeast will be considered as an approved ingredient.

The full text of FSSAI's [recent notification](#) is pasted below and can also be accessed from their website: [www.fssai.gov.in/](http://www.fssai.gov.in/)

**F.No. 11/09/Reg/Harmoniztn/2014**  
**Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**  
(A statutory Authority under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India)  
**FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002**

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The 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

**Subject: Direction under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding use of yeast in bread and biscuit.**

Reference is drawn to notification No. 11/09/Reg/Harmoniztn/2014 dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 published in the Gazette of India prescribing revised provisions for use of Food Additives in various food/food categories.

2. This notification has the effect of revision of all erstwhile food additive provisions under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) regulations, 2011 wherein yeast was permitted for use in bakery products. However, the above mentioned notification does not include the provision for yeast as it is universally recognized as an ingredient and not a food additive. The vertical standards for Baker's Yeast have been prescribed in the sub-regulation 3.2.3 of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) regulations, 2011.

3. After due consideration of the stakeholders' concerns over the omission of existing proviso relating to use of yeast at GMP level in breads and biscuits in the revised food additive provisions, and given the fact that amendments in the above regulations are currently under process to address these concerns, it has been decided that yeast shall be considered as an approved ingredient in bread and biscuits pending the necessary amendments to the vertical standards in this respect.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.



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To

1. All Food Safety Commissioner.
2. All Authorised Officer, FSSAI.
3. All Central Designated Offices of FSSAI.

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